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1000 Vestrymen Attend Conferences

Principles of Evangelism Considered by Bishop and Experienced Laymen

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CONFERENCE LEADERS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ARDMORE
Dr. Shreiner, Bishop Remington, Justice Roberts, Bishop Hart, Rev. J. G. Armstrong

Under the auspices of the Field Department of the Diocese a series of six meetings were held in the various convocations between September 24 and October 3. All vestrymen of parishes, vicar's committees of missions, and every member canvass chairmen were invited. The attendance was very good, with about one thousand persons present, including the clergy, who accompanied their laymen. The meetings in each instance began with a supper at 6:30 and were closed by 9 P. M. Bishop Hart addressed all the meetings and was followed by a layman. The laymen who gave their help were Mr. Justice Owen J. Roberts, Chancelor Robert T. McCracken, Mr. Thomas B. K. Ringe, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Mr. William M. West, and Mr. John Devitt. The general theme of all the speakers was "What a Layman can do to Help his Bishop and His Church."

Bishop Hart stated that the Church's call for a program of Evangelism comes in a year which holds great promise for an advance. The needs are urgent and the opportunity is fleeting. "If we muff the ball this winter, we may never again have a similar chance to win our objective." He indicated four fundamental ways in which the layman may help his church:

1. We must resort to earnest prayer, prompted by a realization that the opportunity is so great as to merit an outpouring of the Divine Spirit.

2. The work must be based upon the strong conviction that the church should and can become the radiating center of Christ's work in

the redemption of the world. Without such conviction there will be no real sacrifice of time and effort.

3. We must think more highly of the necessity for this work within the definite fellowship of the Church, through which God can best be served.

4. We should avoid the attitude that this is a single sporadic effort to be disposed of and then forgotten. It must become the continuing normal function of all parish life.

While these four points were the basis of each of his addresses in the various meetings, Bishop Hart elaborated them and enriched them with telling illustrations drawn from his own experience.

Typical of the addresses made by the laymen at these meetings, was that delivered by Mr. William M. West, a vestryman of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at the gathering in South Philadelphia, which we print herewith:

"Dean Shreiner's request that I speak on the subject 'How a layman may help his Bishop' at first blush appeared to be somewhat difficult of amplification. I know there is not one here present, if opportunity afforded, would not consider themselves truly privileged should the Bishop request their help with any project, and would do his or her best to further that project with enthusiasm and all the ability at his or her command.

"Thinking, however, more realistically, I am convinced, that this concept of the subject was too narrow, for it is as broad as the advancement of Christianity itself *that, anything* we do to advance God's word and work is surely of help to our Bishop to whom this work is so near and dear.

"Tonight I am going to limit my few remarks to the Parish level. Certainly nothing upon which we could expend our efforts would give a greater lift and prove a finer contribution to the work Bishop Hart is so splendidly accomplishing than to help build and maintain a strong Parish, and that, under our clergy, is the privilege and responsibility of every layman.

"Those of us who are serving on vestries, can more effectually discharge the responsibilities *that* privilege carries with it, by our constant attendance which is assured if we realize the great cause spiritually and materially we are pledged to serve.

"There is one subject that I believe should be on the agenda of every regular meeting of every vestry as it is so important to the general welfare of the Church and Diocese, that we should be constantly reminded and kept keenly conscious of it. That is a report on the young men of the Parish who are eligible material for the ministry. It is not so long ago that I heard Bishop Hart state that he did not believe it was wholly economic hazards that deterred the fine young men of the church from offering themselves. Certainly the high standards of self sacrifice are no less appealing today to our children and the coming generation, *but* have *we* made a concerted effort to appeal to, persuade and encourage, such material to seriously consider this type of consecretion, efforts, that in our business, any one of us, would make to encourage deserving men of ability to train and fit themselves for executive positions. Many of us pay specially trained men to do just that. Yet the vestry and its officers stand in the same relation as a board and its officers do in any secular enterprise.

"Such a program would be constructive in another direction. It would broaden the interest and knowledge of the members, for a sincere effort by the vestry would of necessity require them to know the Parish organizations and Parish activities and those engaged in them, where such candidates might be sought.

"For a strong Parish, every man and women should interest themselves in one or more Parish organizations be it Church School, Men's Club, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Women's Auxiliary, Young People's Society, Girls' Friendly, Mission study classes or the many outlets for concerted service in extending Parish influence.

"The foundation and strength of the whole effort must, however, be built upon the personal consecretion of the individual. Christ in all his teachings as no other teacher stressed the individual's importance as evidenced by the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, all stressing graphically this basic fact and Christ's love and concern for that individual. The greatest bulwark and source of help for such inidividual consecretion is prayer. Prayer in church, at home, morning and evening, but not confined to such times. There is nothing worth while we may not pray for and we can do it in a few words in our offices, places of business and work shops, always subordinating our will to God's following the example of Christ who prayed, 'if thou be willing remove this cup from me nevertheless not my will but thine be done,' for our finite conception of those things we pray God for we must always be tempered with the infinite wisdom of His knowledge of what is best for us. Remember no one lives to himself, our influence is like the widening circles made by a stone dropping in the water which continue after we have forgotten the action causing it.

"Therefore, if we sincerely wish a truly strong Parish and a fine Parish life we must be deeply conscious of this influence spread by words and actions. I know I have added nothing new but life generally is like that, the daily routine, the trival tasks, yet these left undone or poorly or perfunctorily accomplished are the difference between a strong and active Parish and one negative and passive in its influence. It can only be accomplished by close and willing cooperation with the rector and through both individual efforts and organized efforts available in Parish organizations, and we as individuals must realize that we have, if we avail ourselves of it, sources of help and strength to make possible accomplishments beyond our normal human limitations through our Saviour and Divine Master whose ever present help and guidance is ours for the asking."

CLERICAL BROTHERHOOD

Recent programs on Monday mornings at 11:30 included "A History of the Clerical Brotherhood," Rev. J. Wesley Twelves; "Parish Administration," Rev. George Boswell; Book reviews – "Man against Myth," Rev. George Krantz and Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, "Human Destiny," Rev. Charles M. Caldren; "Theological Education," Dean Gifford; "Labor and Management," Mr. Harry F. Hay; "Baptism in West Africa," Rev. Raymond F. Gill. Future speakers will be: November 3, Rev. J. S. Ladd Thomas, of Temple University; November 10, Rt. Rev. Stephen C. Clark, of Utah; November 17, Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.

DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND PROMOTION

Following the plan outlined by the Committee on Administrative Needs and authorized by the last Diocesan Convention, the Executive Council has secured the services of Mr. Isaac E. Leech to be the Secretary of Finance and Promotion.

Mr. Leech is the Accounting Warden and Treasurer of All Saints Church, Wynnewood. He was Manager of the Germantown Avenue Branch of the Corn Exchange Bank and was to have retired on November thirtieth of this year. When the bank learned that we wanted him for the diocese, they very kindly released him on the first of October. Mr. Leech will be at the Church House every day and will be glad to be of service to any of the vestries in regard to their financial matters.

Mr. Isaac E. Leech

MISSIONARY GIVING

A total of $32,829,804 was expended for overseas mission work during the fiscal year 1946 by 100 Protestant mission boards and agencies in the United States and Canada, it was reported by Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, general secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Some of the amounts sent by various Christian bodies are listed as follows: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, $4,570,096; Southern Baptist Convention, $4,498,413; Methodist Church, $3,858,553; Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., $3,334,934; Assemblies of God, $1,351,318; Protestant Episcopal Church, $1,204,144; and the Congregational Christian Church, $937,518.

One Hundred Years of Church Work With Seamen

On Wednesday evening, November 3, 1847, a group of three laymen, Messrs. James C. Booth, William C. Kent and Joseph E. Hover, met at the latter's residence, No. 87 N. 3rd Street, and made plans to establish a Church Mission for Seamen in Philadelphia, then the second seaport of the country. A second meeting was held two weeks later attended also by Messrs. John L. Twells and Isaac Welsh, at which Mr. Booth was chosen President, Mr. Kent Treasurer and Mr. Hover Secretary, and plans were laid for the creation of By-Laws and a Constitution for the Churchmen's Missionary Association for Seamen in the Port of Philadelphia. Messrs. James M. Aretson, Edward S. Clark, John McCollom and William G. Allen, were added to the Board and the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania, agreed to become President, ex-officio. He addressed the following letter to the Diocese:

"Understanding that several gentlemen meditate the erection of a Floating Chapel to be used for the benefit of the seamen frequenting this port, I take pleasure in expressing my cordial approbation of every effort calculated to promote the welfare of this interesting and much neglected class of men, and my sincere desire that the proposed undertaking may commend itself to the good-will and patronage of Episcopalians in this city."

It was this group that planned and erected the Floating Chapel of the Redeemer built in 1848 at Bordentown, New Jersey, and consecrated early in January of 1849 while it was moored at the foot of Dock Creek. It continued in operation, with some intervals for repairs and moving to another wharf, until the Spring of 1853; when it was sold to the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden. It was moved to a brick foundation and functioned as the Parish Church until destroyed by fire on Christmas morning, 1868. (See cover.)

On Monday, November 3, 1947, in the Chapel of the Redeemer at the Seamen's Church Institute, 211 Walnut Street, which Chapel is a Memorial to the late W. W. Frazier, a member of the Board of the Churchmen's Missionary Association for over 50 years, and is named for the Floating Chapel of which it is a direct successor, Bishop Remington will officiate at Annual Memorial Exercises which will also commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Churchmen's Missionary Association.

The services in the Chapel of the Institute will begin at 2 o'clock. All Board Members and Contributors, and seamen who have used the facilities of the Institute and who have died during the year, will be commemorated. A brass marker in memory of Mrs. Theodore W. Cramp, a former Vice-President of the Board, will be unveiled. New lighting recently installed by the Girls' Friendly Society Auxiliary of the Institute, in memory of their late Chairman, Miss May Atherton Leach, also a Vice-President of the Board, will be dedicated, and a bronze marker unveiled by Miss Bertha Bennett, the Chairman of the Auxiliary.

The Chapel Exercises will be followed by a brief ceremony of dedication of a seaman's bedroom on the 4th floor of the Institute which is the gift of the Church of the Holy Trinity. The Rector, the Rev. E. Frank Salmon, D.D., will officiate at the dedication.

The work of the Churchmen's Missionary Association, begun 100 years ago is carried on by the Seamen's Church Institute at its headquarters 211 Walnut Street and at the Port Richmond Branch, 2815-17 E. Cambria Street, which was taken over from the Churchmen's Missionary Association when the old organization was merged with the newer one in 1920.

The capital funds of the Churchmen's Missionary Association accumulated through the years are administered by the Church Foundation, the annual income being paid to the Seamen's Church Institute for the Church's work among seamen in the Port of Philadelphia.

The first Missionary who served under the Churchmen's Missionary Association was an ex-naval officer, the Rev. Richard Trapier, who was in charge from 1848 to 1857. The present Superintendent and Chaplain of the Seamen's Church Insti-

tute is the Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D. who has been in charge since 1919. He came into the service while Rector of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church from which he resigned in the summer of 1922 and has since given full-time service to the Seamen's Church Institute.

CHURCH IN TELEVISION

When radio station WFIL inaugurated its television broadcasting in September, one of the first assignments of its staff was to cover the special service of prayer for the United Nations at the Memorial Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets on the morning of September 14. This event was included in the television news broadcast that same evening, showing the church in considerable detail, the procession of the choir and clergy, the massing of the flags of the nations, etc.

The first of a series of Sunday night religious services to be telecast by the new station was broadcast from the studio by the Rev. John R. Hart, assisted by a group of his choristers from the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, at 9:10 P. M. Sunday, September 14.

SERVICE CERTIFICATES

The Army and Navy Commission of the National Council has issued a sample of a certificate which would be signed by the Bishop of the Diocese and presented to all those who served in the Armed Forces in World War II. The Commission has been unable to have this certificate printed before this date because of the paper shortage. A copy of this certificate can be seen in Dr. Long's office. If you want to use it for the men in your parish please notify Dr. Long.

Bishop Hart's Message

The six conferences for laymen, arranged by the Field Department, were inspiring to me and laymen from all over the diocese are telling me that their experiences was the same. Over nine hundred men attended the six meetings. I had the privilege of hearing six laymen tell "How a Layman can help his Church." They approached the subject in widely different ways and each one made a deep impression.

It rejoiced my heart to hear one vestryman tell other vestrymen that vestries should give more time and thought to securing the ablest men possible for the Ministry. We do not want to try to force any young men to study for the ministry, but vestries can be on the lookout for the ablest young men in the parish and try to have them consider the ministry as their vocation. Better still, as one layman said most forcefully, "If our own son should tell us that he is thinking of becoming a Candidate for Holy Orders, let us back him to the limit." If our laymen will take this attitude, we shall soon have our *lay* families furnishing their rightful quota of our clergy. At present our clergy come to a large extent from the families of the clergy and from other churches.

It was a thrilling experience for me to see so many of our laymen interested, not merely in the finances of the Church, but its whole spiritual life. Only a few of the clergy failed to let their men know of the meetings—and one of them has been in to tell me that his laymen had heard about the meetings from other laymen and wondered why they had not been invited!

These meetings made us all feel more keenly the need of an adequate Conference Center. We must not forget to pray and think about this and, if you have any suggestions, pass them on to the *Conference Center Committee* appointed by the Executive Council. Suggestions should be sent this Committee, at the Church House.

Autumn is such a wonderful time in this state. The harvests remind us of all the wealth and richness of life that God gives us. There are no limits to what God is willing to give us. We must learn to be better fellow workers with Christ. May your Thanksgiving be a truly Christian one.

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

Church Hospital Needs Church Help

Thirty years ago there were about three times as many deaths from tuberculosis as occur today. Great advances have been made in the discovery and treatment of the disease, but it is still the chief cause of death by disease among young people in our country. Hospitals are constantly incorporating new understanding and new equipment in their efforts to meet their community health responsibilities and in helping the community to stop the spread of the disease and to cure it. Episcopal Hospital has had a Chest Clinic for the last twenty years which has been under the supervision of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. Through the clinic, patients who are able to remain at home or to stay on the job receive careful treatment. One of the problems, however, is to discover tuberculosis early enough so that treatment can give maximum benefit, and both the patient and the community will be protected. The person who has the disease often is not aware of it for some time; he may feel tired, lose weight or have indigestion and a cough that hangs on; however, even these may not be apparent until the disease has a strong foothold. As long as the person does not realize that he is ill with tuberculosis, there is danger of infecting others as well as the danger that he shall not use treatment until the disease is advanced. To combat this, a few hospitals have begun to x-ray every ward, private room and clinic patient who comes for care. The purpose of this is to discover those cases of tuberculosis which have not yet revealed themselves in symptoms and to begin early treatment which can help the patient get well much sooner than if the disease is moderately advanced.

Episcopal Hospital is sharing in this development with the installation of a photofluorograph, an x-ray machine which takes miniature pictures of the chest. When signs of tuberculosis are evident in the miniature x-rays, a more thorough investigation is made by the attending physician. If we can go by the experience of other hospitals, we shall, in this way, find one to two percent of the patients who are admitted having tuberculosis. These patients have not known of the presence of any tuberculosis, and with its dis-

covery by routine chest x-ray, early treatment can be given.

The photofluorograph machine is being installed near the Receiving Ward and will be operated by one of the x-ray technicians. The films will be read by one of the physicians in the Department of Radiology. This reading is accomplished with the help of a viewing box which has a mirror and a magnifying glass which reproduces the image of the film on a plate about 9 x 7" in size. It is expected also that this process will reveal early tumors of the lung and probably other conditions of the chest about which the patient has known nothing. It is not possible at the present time to make this service available to the whole community so that for the time being only those patients admitted to the wards, private rooms, or to the clinics receive this x-ray service, which is given as a public health service without charge to the patient.

The installation is being made at the cost of $9,000. If the hospital is to meet its obligation to the patient and to the community, such installations are a necessity, yet they are expensive. The problem which faces the majority of voluntary hospitals throughout the country is the problem of meeting the budget which includes not only such installations, but a rising cost in every area. Wholesale prices for all materials used increased last year from 33% to 40%; foods increased from 40% to 50%; and as a result the hospital faces a deficit of approximately $150,000. Many of the sessions of the American Hospital Association meeting in September were devoted to discussion of the problem. If the hospital is to provide leadership in giving maximum comfort and help to the sick, it will need to have the utmost help from the church.

The spiritual side of the hospital's work is well illustrated in this picture, which shows a service of Holy Communion in the chapel, where patients are wheeled from their rooms in beds and chairs, so that they may attend the service and receive their communion.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR HARRISON HOME GUESTS

The Senior and Junior Woman's Auxiliaries of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Tacony, recently provided an afternoon's fun for the guests at the Harrison Home, on the grounds of the Episcopal Hospital. Thirty-two girls from eight to sixteen years of age arrived in chartered bus, with several mothers, their accompanist, and their leaders, Miss Diemand and Miss Hackett, from the Disston Recreation Center, Tacony. Their songs, tap dancing, and ballet numbers, all in beautiful costumes changed for each act, their recitations, and the refreshments made every pair of hands applaud and every face wear a smile. Even the bed-fast patients were delighted to watch the girls passing by in their colorful dresses. Ice cream for everybody was served.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

An Advent quiet day will be conducted by the Rev. E. Frank Salmon on Wednesday, December 3d, at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. Schedule: Holy Eucharist, 8.30 a. m.; Meditations, 10.15 a. m., 12 noon, and 2 p. m.; closing at 3.15 p. m. Please make reservations early. Telephone Victor 4-4612.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

Diocesan Program Institute

At the Program Planning Institute, Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, struck the keynote for our efforts during the coming year.

Our theme is Evangelism and Mrs. Sherman analyzed the world in which the Church is called upon to bear its witness as suffering and demoralized, full of tensions and with rising totalitarian tendencies, confused and chaotic. The call to the Church is urgent, and the task of the Church is set against a background of imminent doom. Nothing less than an all out commitment to evangelism will suffice. Preach Christ crucified, for the world will understand His suffering, and then preach Christ's resurrection.

Evangelism is proclaiming by life and by word the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in such a way that people will accept Him. To be able to do this we must renew our own allegiance, and then share it.

As women of the Church we should ask: To what extent does our parish program help our women to know Christ, to follow Him, and to share Him? Are we really preparing women to share their religion?

The fellowship of the group can be a real agency for sharing, if the fellowship is more than social, and touches a deeper level. We can bear witness in the prayer and worship of our meetings, but don't let it be just a stereotyped opening. Revive intercessory prayer on a larger scale, using the Calendar of Prayer for Missions and remembering that the Missionaries feel that it is our prayer which keeps them going. They pray for us. In the field of study, we will need to know about the problems that are keeping people from committing themselves. In the field of service, we bear witness by our relief work, which must be more and more linked to our missionary work. For the recipient knows that the aid comes from those who are compelled by the compassion of Christ.

We can as individuals, share in the great evangelistic movement of our Church by being the best possible person right where we are, and by saying the right word in season. Let the kind of conversation that we have, whether it is about the United Nations or Russia, be a testimony to our Christian convictions.

The total commitment of ourselves is the most important thing, and total commitment comes down to the individual trusting the power of Christ to use Him and leaving the result to God.

United Thank Offering

"Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou hast given to them."

The Fall In-Gathering Service of the United Thank Offering will be held at St. Mark's Church on Locust Street, on Thursday evening, November 13 at 8:00 P. M., the Rev. William H. Dumphy will preach. We hope that the Offering will be a worthy one, even greater than that presented last May which was the largest ever given. "Into my heart's treasury I slip a coin, and it is transmuted by some alchemy into a building-stone of the City of God."

Think of the Offering as a great spiritual force, released into all the world by the women of the Church, united in the fellowship and joy of this three-fold blessing of prayer, and gifts, and joyful service. Should we be satisfied with anything less than that every woman in the parish should share in the United Thank Offering? There are parishes that have achieved it; more and more are doing so. We want to bring the Offering into the life of every woman in the Church. We would like every woman to see it as a means through which her discipleship can reach out beyond her own immediate environment into the life of the world.

Use your Blue Boxes. Perhaps it is difficult at first. Not that you are unaware of the day's blessings, but it may be that a coin seems small appreciation of them. Try to realize that your coin is at least a token gift, an actual expression of your thanks: and that, united with the gifts of other women, it can accomplish mighty things for God's work. Remember too, that a prayer accompanies every coin that goes into your Blue Box. It is a two-fold expression of your gratitude to God, enriching your own life, and enabling you to share in the extension of the Kingdom day by day. World Evangelism has been committed unto us. We must be sharers all in the task. *Each one, reach one.*

The Flying Squadron

The Flying Squadron is composed of members of the Diocesan Board representing their several departments and committees who in three to five minute talks give an over-all picture of the whole program of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Some eleven officers of the Diocesan Board visited the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge last June where six parishes and missions met together for the day, with forty-one women from that part of the Convocation of Norristown and I am sure they will all remember the words of challenge that Mrs. Beath, our new President, gave us as women of the Church; Mrs. Strawbridge's message for Prayer and Worship, Mrs. Trowbridge bidding us to "worry" about such things as Material Aid, Mental Health, Displaced Persons and the other concerns of the Department of Christian Social Relations. Miss Kitchen told of the many opportunities today for women of all denominations to work and worship together, thus uniting us in spirit; and Mrs. Hill, of the joy of sharing in our great United Thank Offering. The fields of the Five Missionary Committees; Indian, Negro, Overseas, Domestic, and Diocesan were all briefly outlined by their chairmen.

The Flying Squadron is open to invitations at any time. They provide their own transportation and lunch and only ask for an interested "carry on" in those parishes visited. It is not an entertainment, it is a privilege and a responsibility for us all.

MISSIONARY RELOCATED

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., has recently changed his address: c/o American Church Mission, 209 Peh Hsia Lu, Nanking, China. He is the only clergyman of the Episcopal Church in the U. S. A. located in the city of Nanking, which is about two hundred miles northwest of Shanghai. He is working under a Chinese priest at St. Paul's Church, which is the largest of our churches in the city. He is also doing Christian work among the students at the University of Nanking.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB DOINGS

Outstanding in the Club's program for the month of November, will be the Annual Bazaar, to be held at the Club's headquarters, 1919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, November 25. For several years, this event has provided an opportunity to purchase cakes, candies, home cooked foods, gifts and infant's articles. Many interesting and valuable "Attic Treasures," suitable for special Christmas gifts, will be found in the collection of so-called "white elephants." An elaborate and diversified selection of Christmas Cards will be available, as will be aprons, bags and other needlework. Luncheon, tea and supper will be served. The Club's President, Mrs. Thomas N. Walker, urges every member to cooperate in making this the largest bazaar ever, since the proceeds are an important factor in the maintenance of the Club's varied activities.

The season program of the Club again features Tuesday as "Club Day," with tea at 4:00 P. M., supper at 6:30, and an evening program beginning at 7:15. Consult programs for speakers. Additional helpers are needed in the Sewing Group, meeting every Friday from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., and members and friends are invited to join the Prayer Group on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 P. M.

HARVEST FESTIVALS HELD

Harvest Home services were held in Grace Church, Hulmeville, and in All Saints' Church, Fallsington, on Sunday, September 14. Both churches were suitably decorated for the occasion. On the end of each pew a tiny sheaf of wheat was attached, and vegetables, fruits, and flowers, were neatly arranged on each of the window-sills. Great yellow pumpkins and baskets of flowers were placed on either side of the chancel steps, and in All Saints', baskets of flowers were attached to the walls all the way 'round the church.

Not within the memory of even the oldest residents have the church grounds in Hulmeville looked more attractive than at present. The replastering of the vestibule, and the removal of the leaking skylights, has greatly improved the appearance of the property. A new oil burner has also been installed in the Rectory.

In Fallsington the Church grounds have also been beautified, the roof has been repaired, the pews rearranged, and a new oil burner placed in the Church. The attendance at Sunday School has almost doubled during the past year, and the attendance at Church has quadrupled during the past three years.

The special harvest offering, which almost equalled that of Easter, will be used in making further improvements.

A similar service was held at St. James Church, Downingtown, on September 28. Parishoners brought donations of food stuffs: preserves, baskets of fresh fruit and vegetables, etc., which were distributed to hospitals and other institutions.

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY NOTES

The Annual All Saints Day Service of Remembrance will be observed at the Academy Chapel October 31st with a Celebration of the Holy Communion. The names of all those Alumni and friends who have died during the year are read at that time.

The Fall Alumni Day and Tea will take place Friday, October 31st, the date of the Haverford football game.

The football team promises to be a good one this year, and the student body is confident that they will retain the Inter-Academic Championship won last year.

Fall Arbor Day was observed October 17th. The Senior Class and the Phillies Baseball Team, led by Herbert J. Pennock, General Manager, and Mr. Edward Collins ('35), planted trees on the Academy Campus. These exercises are an annual affair sponsored by the Forestry Club, of which Dr. Fred J. Doolittle is Faculty Adviser.

The Chapel Speakers have been: The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, Chaplain of The University of Pennsylvania; The. Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Overbrook; The Rev. John Knewstut, Rector, Old St. David's Church, Radnor.

Bishop Hart Receives Army Citation Given to Church

Dr. Hall, Chaplain Miller, Bishop Hart, Bishop Sherrill

Chaplain (Major General) Luther D. Miller, Episcopal priest, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, in Presiding Bishop Sherrill's Office in New York, presented to the Army and Navy Division of the National Council, a certificate of appreciation "from the Army of the United States in recognition of the valuable services rendered in the procurement and indorsement of Chaplains for service in the Army and of the various forms of aid and encouragement extended to them in the performance of their duties."

The certificate was received by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Army and Navy Division. Presiding Bishop Sherrill and the Rev. Percy G. Hall, executive secretary of the Division, shared in the brief ceremony.

Members of the Division who were present included the Rev. Canon Robert D. Smith, Trenton, N. J., Mr. Samuel S. Schmidt, York, Pa., the Rev. Merritt F. Williams, Washington, D. C., the Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, Richmond, Va.

Department of Christian Education

The Youth of Our Diocese

Just about a year ago the youth work in our diocese was revised—two main bodies—The Youth Commission and the Youth Council—were created within the Department of Christian Education to carry on this expanded work.

The Youth Commission acts purely as an advisory body, is made up of clerical and lay members and guides the Youth Council which is composed of all youth and is the real working entity of our youth work. The membership of the Youth Council is composed of representatives of all youth organizations, namely, The Junior Daughters of the King, The Junior Brothehood of St. Andrew, The Girls' Friendly Society, The Young People's Fellowship, The Servants of Christ the King, The Order of St. Vincent, and The Canterbury Clubs. Added to this, in order to have geographical representation, two members have been elected at convocational meetings to represent each of the six convocations and six members have been appointed at large. The Youth Commission and Youth Council convene monthly at separate meetings with two members from the Youth Commission present at the Youth Council meeting as liason officers.

The calendar and program of the youth work of the diocese follows that proposed by the Division of Youth of the National Council in its current brochure, "Plan 1947-48." The program material covers subjects of current interest and concern in relation to the religious experience and background of The Book of Common Prayer. Vocations, marriage, family relations, Christian citizenship, the Oslo Conference, are some of the many fascinating subjects dealt with in order to increase our stature as children of God.

The projects for service, that make real the program of learning, center around the Church's concern for material aid to our brethren overseas and in the Presiding Bishop's Fund. This project is supplemented by those within our own diocese in aiding at the Episcopal Hospital and other diocesan institutions.

Copies of our Diocesan Calendar and Program were recently mailed to all the clergy and all youth leaders on our mailing list. Additional copies are available in Room 30.

It is the hope of the Youth Council that more and more Churches of our diocese will go into organized youth work within the parishes. To that end, "flying teams" from the Youth Council are now prepared to visit any parish where the rector requests it in order to assist the youth of that parish to establish their own work "to know the Christ and to make Him known."

Weekday Religious Education

Increased interest focuses upon the Diocesan Committee on Weekday Religious Education as it moves into its sixth and final year of study. The first section of its report, dealing with the parochial type of "Released Time" school appeared in 1945. At the close of this year, it will not only submit its findings on the interdenominational type of school, but will evaluate the general movement as it relates itself to this diocese.

Seen and Heard at the Institute

One of the largest and most interested crowds in history gathered at the Christian Association on Monday, October 6th for the 77th Annual Church School Institute.

The emphasis this year was on the Bible, and Visual Aids,—both projected and non-projected. Several commercial firms were present to demonstrate various types of projected equipment but the greatest interest was centered on the exhibit of non-projected visual aids.

A vote of thanks goes to the many people who gave of their time and talent to make this exhibit one of the best in years. The Church of the Redeemer, Springfield brought in their children's Altar; Miss Margaret Evans of St. Mary's, Ardmore, arranged a lovely "Children's Corner;" the workers in the Guild of the Little Children arranged a display of materials for use with parents of very young children; Miss Lola Poppleton brought in a palestian Village that had been made at her Vacation Church School; Mrs. J. Mack Nevergole demonstrated the making of transparancies from leaflet pictures and Mrs. Charles Neville had on display lantern slides made by children in Church School, and showed the visitors how to make the slides. Lovely pictures for use both in the class room and for the Children's Corner or Altar attracted much attention and, as usual, those in charge of course materials for all ages had a very busy time.

The Rev. William Grime, rector of St. Paul's Church, Great Neck, L. I., was the guest speaker at supper. Mr. Grime spoke on "the place of the Bible in the Church School." In mentioning the moral and spiritual illiteracy in the Church, he said the emphasis should not be on placing the blame, but on "how can we improve our methods in teaching the Church's Great Book." Mr. Grime stressed the necessity of teaching less content so that the less might be taught better. He suggested particular content for the lower grades and reminded us that the Bible is an adult book, and must be taught on the basis of the child's growing capacity to understand. Teachers, he said, should be constantly checking to see if their methods are improving and if the children are developing desirable attitudes toward the Bible. Our aim should be to put something of light and construction into their minds, in place of terror, error and confusion.

The evening speaker was Mrs. Franklin Sheeder who has taught Religious Education in Chicago, California and at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., and who used visual aids in her work long before they became a recognized method of instruction.

She gave an amusing demonstration of two lessons, one with, and one without, visual aids and showed how misunderstandings arise in a child's mind when words alone are used and how words become meaningful when used with a picture or some object the child can see.

Mrs. Sheeder quoted the statistics that 90% of our impressions come through our eyes, 5% through our ears, and 5% through other senses, and yet most Church School teachers are using words alone in their lessons. She also emphasized the fact that there are many valuable visual aids besides those projected on a screen. Her talk was concluded with a demonstration of various kinds of slides and filmstrips suitable for children of all ages.

Christmas Seals

. . . Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

The 1947 Christmas Seals, depicting a pair of oxen pulling a sled loaded with Christmas trees have arrived at the headquarters of the Philadelphia Tuberculosis and Health Association.

This year's Seal, reminiscent of scenes in rural America in bygone years, symbolizes the pioneer spirit which enabled our forefathers to fight and conquer a vast wilderness. It is this same spirit and determination that is inspiring those who are waging a constant battle against a disease that is needlessly killing 53,000 Americans a year—tuberculosis. The Seal was designed by Raymond Lufkin of Tenafly, N. J., well known as an artist interested in the American scene.

November 23rd, one day before the official Seal sale opens, has been designated as Christmas Seal Sunday. The campaign will run from November 24 to Christmas Eve.

EVENTS OF LAYMEN'S UNION

The program of the Laymen's Union for the Maintenance and Defense of Catholic Principles has issued its program for 1947-48, as follows: November 4, St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, "the Necessity of an Apostolic Ministry," Rev. Leicester C. Lewis; November 25, Church of the Annunciation, 12th and Diamond Streets, "The Consequences of a Non-Apostolic Ministry," Rev. William H. Dunphy; December 13, St. George's Church, 61st and Hazel Avenue, retreat from 5 to 9 p. m., conducted by Rev. Fletcher P. Wood, Jr.; January 27, St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets, "Liturgical Music," Mr. Edward S. Siddall; February 24, St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Street, "The Validity of Anglican Orders," Rev. William J. Alberts; March 30, St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust Street, "Religion and Science," Dr. Charles P. Oliver; April 27, St. Luke's Church, 5411 Germantown Avenue, "The Lambeth Conference," speaker to be announced; May 25, Church of Our Saviour, 1900 Broadway, Camden, N. J., "The Lambeth Quadrilateral," Rev. Louis A. Haselmayer; June 22, Christ Church, Media, Annual Dinner at 6.30 p. m., followed by Church Service.

Girls' Friendly Society Activities

Mrs. Edmund B. Wood, President, announces the following appointments of new leaders in diocesan positions: Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Leslie Hilton (St. Peter's—Philadelphia); Junior Members, Miss Lola Poppleton (St. Peter's Mission, Broomall); Teen-Age Groups, Mrs. Edward Scheer (Trinity-Oxford).

The September 25th issue of *The Witness* has given over practically the entire issue to the G. F. S. of to-day, and it is interesting reading. The diocesan organization here, is proud it has had its full share in the notable achievements listed, and is striving to work even more diligently to carry out the new plans for the "Adventures in Friendliness," called for in this complex, suffering world. New Branches of Juniors are established as rapidly as possible, and members, little or much, over "21" give devoted and generous support to the younger groups at home and abroad as they have always done in Pennsylvania.

As "members of one family in Christ," the G. F. S. has long opened its doors to girls of all races and creeds, and now it is good to know that one Branch in Japan—St. Agnes' Kyoto—held together, under native leadership, throughout the War and is even now welcoming back its American founder and leader, Miss Hallie Williams of Virginia. Another Branch in the Philippines actually received their G. F. S. pins while prisoners in the San Tomas concentration camp of bitter memory. Deaconess Kate Shaw, that brilliant teacher and leader of the Bontoc people was, herself, a prisoner in San Tomas and now, slowly recovering from that unspeakable experience, is planning and praying for the re-establishment of the Branch at All Saints' School, Bontoc, so long generously and faithfully supported by American G. F. S. members. There is, indeed, much in the past to inspire the youngsters of to-day.

The Holiday House, Cape May, N. J., again had a busy and successful season under the direction of Mrs. William W. Cardwell, her House Committee and a hard-working staff. The month of June brought a house-party of 45 guests from Trinity Oxford, including the former Rector—Rev. Waldemar Jansen and Mrs. Jansen; vestrymen, and other men and women active in the life of that parish. From June 20th to 22nd, a Conference of G. F. S. leaders from Province III, held the stage, with 88 present from six dioceses. Bishop and Mrs. Hart were the honored guests, and the Bishop was the celebrant at the Corporate Communion of the Conference, in a Chapel crowded to the doors. The total registration for the season was 724 guests, from 18 dioceses, including 97 Juniors for their special program during the month of July; Younger Members during August; the YPF Presidents Conference, late in September, and a large group of members of the League of the Hard of Hearing, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Meckling—also in September. A group of Girl Scouts from Binghamton, N. Y. must not be forgotten. They enjoyed a "Friendly" holiday in July. A large and enthusiastic Card Party, on Saturday, October 25th, added a considerable sum, when all returns are in, to the H. H. Renovation Fund now being used (and badly needing replenishment) for the long delayed painting of the House exterior—the contract for which has been given out at a cost of $1800.00.

A New Branch of Juniors is being established at St. Alban's, Roxborough, Mrs. William McHale Branch Advisor; and at St. Ambrose —Juniors will soon revive the G.F.S. in that parish—where it formerly flourished.

A Harvest Dance for Teen-Agers was given in the Parish House of Holy Apostles and Mediator Church—on Saturday Evening, October 26th under the auspices of the diocesan Department of Activities, Mrs. John Carroll, chairman. The Committee in charge said they had two objectives—a growth in fellowship among this group in all the Branches, and a fine sum to give to National G. F. S. Week. All agree that both objectives were attained!

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer was instituted as rector of All Saints' Church, Crescentville by Bishop Remington on Sunday evening, September 21. He has been in residence since June 1.

The women of St. James Church, Evansburg, have raised $1,000 for the painting of the interior of the church.

Trinity Church, Collingdale has a new organ which was used for the first time on Sunday, September 14.

Under the will of the late Mrs. Sarah G. Nice, St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, receives a bequest of $1,500. The society of the Daughters of the King of the same parish receives $500.

Miss Elizabeth A. Jenks, formerly parish worker at St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, is now engaged in similar work at St. James Church, Kingsessing. Miss Mareen Bixler has joined the staff of this parish as organist and director of choirs.

The Men's Fraternity of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace had among its early Fall programs Private Stephen Morris, Pennsylvania State Police, on problems relating to automobile driving; Mr. Ira Thomas, former catcher and now scout for the Athletics; Judge N. S. Winnet, of the Municipal Court, on youth work.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, recently spoke at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, on "Christian Principles in the World Today."

Mr. Ernest A. Wernher, a vestryman and some time secretary-treasurer of the Church School of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, was buried from the Church on September 20.

At Zion Church, Logan, the Woman's Auxiliary showed lantern slides of the Washington Cathedral at their first fall meeting. Men of this parish have repainted most of the parish house, after making necessary repairs to wood work and plaster. Twenty women are being trained in a Red Cross home nursing course at Zion.

Mr. Dee Hurm has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Church School of Trinity Church, Swarthmore.

The exterior of St. James Church, Hestonville, has just been freshly painted. The interior was redecorated last winter.

A reception was held for the Rev. Frank Williamson, Jr., in commoration of his Twenty-fifth Anniversary as Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Yeadon, on Tuesday evening, October 7, in the parish hall.

Mr. Houston Dunn, who died on September 18, left $500 in trust to the Church of St. James-the-Less for the upkeep of burial lot in the church yard.

At St. James Church, Bristol, the rector, Rev. George E. Boswell, dedicated a set of tubular chimes on September 21, as a memorial to the seventy-seven communicants of the parish who served in the recent war. The commemorative tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Arthur Goheen, mother of Harry Francis Goheen, who died in the service.

Pictured here is the Service Cross on the grounds of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, commemorating the men and women from the parish who served in World War II.

In planning the seventh annual Chester Country Day (October 4), when old homes and historic shrines were open to the public, St. James Church, Downingtown, was included in the itinerary. The feature display here was a collection of exquisite ecclesiastical needlework.

The special preacher at the Church of the Holy Trinity on Sunday morning, September 28, was the Rev. Michael McCormick, Chaplain of H.M.S. "Sheffield" which happened to be in port at Philadelphia.

Mr. Joshua F. Collins, a vestryman of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Pa., died on September 1, 1947, and was buried from the Church on September 5th.

The fourth annual service of the Valley Forge Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was held at Trinity Church, Ambler, October 5. The service was in commemoration of the 170th anniversary of the going into winter quarters of the Continental Army at Valley Forge.

The Rev. Charles L. Taylor, Dean of Cambridge Theological Seminary, addressed the Altar Guild of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, October 9, on "The Work of the Altar Guild."

Mrs. Oliver J. Hart was the speaker at the opening meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, on October 14.

The Rev. Hugh L. Wilson, formerly a priest of this diocese, died in June after a prolonged illness. His last charge was vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Mass.

The correct address of the Rev. Louis W. Johnson, vicar of St. Mary's Mission, is 1905 W. Fourth Street, Chester, Pa.

In connection with the observance of the 103rd Anniversary of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, the Rev. Wm. Hamilton Aulenbach will be the preacher at a special service at 4 P. M. on October 26.

Calvin Nathan Edwards, born in the Episcopal Hospital August 29, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. John Walter Edwards. His father is the Priest in charge of St. Philip's Memorial Church, 1935 Lombard Street.

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A THANKFUL HEART

"Turkey Day" is the popular designation of Thanksgiving. Harmless and innocent enough is it in itself, but it represents a temper of social mind and reaction which is anything but harmless.

Each year our President and the governors of the states promulgate pious proclamations calling attention to the appropriateness of pausing in our activities to render thanks to God for His bounteous goodness. In so doing they are repeating a lesson taught to our society long before there were Pilgrims. The Church had provided for a special day of giving thanks long before civil authorities took any notice of such things. Our own Prayer Book carries this direction: ". . . in November, the first Thursday (or, if any other day be appointed by the Civil Authority, then such day) shall be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all other Blessings of his merciful Providence." Such direction is but the modern child of very ancient practice.

But, while the words of our official proclamations are the descendents of a lofty and ennobling spiritual awareness of dependence on God, our society's observance of the day is more akin to the pagan revels of harvest time. These have been celebrated in art and song and literature for their games, drunkenness, and gluttony all through the ages. These two streams of observance, blended as they are at many points in our keeping of Thanksgiving, represent profound qualities of the spirit.

The pagan rejoices in his animal good luck at having plenty of food stored up for the unproductive season ahead. He revels in his animal good feeling that he can stuff himself on the products of this good fortune until he and many of his kind slump down in insensible satiety. The end result of it all is a brutalizing effect on the individual and the whole culture that follows such a pattern.

The Christian Way

The Christian observance is quite a different matter. Instead of centering in a contemplation of one's animal appetites and how to please them, it is a looking upward to Him "from whom all good things do come." This very act of looking up from one's work, fears, and appetites is a purifying act. Unless the eyes of the mind and soul are utterly blinded, the glimpse of Spiritual Reality that filters through, even momentarily, will make a difference in all the rest of the day or year. The material provisions and pleasures have been put on a plane at least a little higher than for those who have no thought but of them alone.

In other words, man is both body and spirit. To ignore the spiritual and revel in animal possessions and appetites is a degrading pattern of life even for a day. To ignore the physical and material reality of human nature likewise does violence to that which God created and intended man to be, and produces a grotesque caricature. Only in a properly balanced blend of both parts of man's nature can the creature He intended be developed.

Thanksgiving is a far better pulse-beat to reveal the spiritual life of a community or nation than Christmas, Easter, or any of the other festivals. To have a spiritual keynote on Thanksgiving involves genuine sacrifice and forethought. There is no commercialized build-up to make it easy or necessary. Rather is the contrary true. Family affairs must often be at least partially dislocated to make place for a trip to the Church and a prayer of humble gratitude. A trip, or a football game, or at least the family banquet will be dislocated. This is not a matter to be tossed off lightly at the breakfast table on Thanksgiving morning. The issue is usually decided long before the day itself arrives.

Without Ceasing

The reason is not hard to discover. True gratitude is a quality of heart and life that cannot be turned on and off like a water faucet. The bloom of a thankful heart will appear on Thanksgiving Day only if there has been a season's growth and cultivation beforehand. One doesn't go out and pick the glorious dahlia or chrysanthemum blossoms that belong to the season just because the "gardener's column" in the daily paper says it is time. It is a long-term effort that just breaks out into the open at that particular spot and time.

So it is with our keeping of a day of thanksgiving. Governors and officials issue pious declarations about how fitting it is that we should thank God for his blessings. But with rare exceptions they have never thought of doing it themselves on the day they designate or in their own daily lives. The Church's voice resounds through the long ages of the past calling her people to give thanks whether the secular world does or not. But only those who have been accustomed to head and heed that voice by day will be likely to have strength enough to resist the clamorous sideshow features of a pagan reveling in the prospects of a full belly for the months to come.

Amid world conditions such as everyone knows of today how can anyone but an insensible brute boast, even to himself, that he has "much goods laid up for many years" so that it is possible to "eat, drink, and be merry." Yet that is all that the day will be to those who do not cultivate the daily habit of looking up in gratitude to thank God for each new day and each new night and each meal that is provided in between.

A. O. J.

CONCERNING ELECTRIC ORGANS

The Rev. F. C. Hartshorne, Executive Vice-President of the Church Foundation, calls attention to a very important detail which concerns any parish with an electric organ.

Some years ago Church buildings and their contents were divided, for insurance purposes, into three categories, the building and things permanently attached thereto, such as pews, altars, etc., other movable contents, and pipe organs, all of which were covered at different rates and separately valued. But later the companies all agreed to consider pipe organs as part of the buildings and covered by insurance on the buildings, because they were usually built in, thus leaving only two categories, building and contents, the amount formerly allocated to organ coverage being, where such things were properly looked after, added to the building coverage.

In practically all policies the organ, as enumerated among the things covered by the amount on the buildings, is described as a "Pipe Organ." Electrical organs, so-called, cannot be considered as in any sense pipe organs, for they have no pipes, but reeds, no tubas but radio tubes and speakers. A change from one to the other may make a serious difference in the amount recovered in case of a fire causing loss to the building, the electric organ, and the contents, because at least two Mutual Companies carrying perpetual insurance have already taken the position that they will not pay anything because of the loss of or damage to electric organs, as they consider them "contents," and such companies do not insure contents. Other companies may take the same position. That means that such organs will only be covered by the insurance carried on contents, and usually that amount is entirely too small to replace the electric organ and other contents, and the former is especially subject to damage. Consequently all churches which have already substituted electric organs for pipe organs, or which may use such instruments, should immediately communicate with their insurance companies and either procure from such companies such endorsements as will continue the electric organs under the building coverage, or increase the amounts carried under contents coverage. Unless they do so they may face disagreeable consequences in case of a fire.

The Church Fire Insurance Corporation has considered this question and asks that all church authorities carrying Fire Insurance with them inform them if they have installed, or if they do hereafter, install electric organs, in order that they may make the proper corrections in policies, and The Church Foundation is asking the same information from all parishes and missions to whose properties it holds title.

To a Church School Leader:

"The vision is the necessary starting point-vision of Christ-vision of our allegiance to Him-vision of His Kingdom as it must come through the boys and girls of the Church Schools. It isn't our ideas or fine buildings or pedagogically perfect courses or trained teachers that will bring success. It is Christ Himself-lifted up in all of the organization, lesson presentation, and personal relationships who will draw the boys and girls to Himself and give them the power to live and grow in His likeness."

EVELYN BOYD LONG
From a hospital bed,
June 23, 1946

CANS OF MONEY

A large tin milk can has been placed outside of St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, with a sign bearing the legend "Quarters For Quarts," accompanied by an appeal for cash contributions to provide milk for the needy people of Europe. Each day the contents are removed. About $50.00 a week has been contributed, to be forwarded through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for Aid to Europe.

NEEDLEPOINT CUSHIONS FOR ALL SAINTS', WYNNEWOOD

A considerable number of women in the parish of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, are skillful in the production of needlepoint work. They have made new cushions for the bishop's chair, sedilia, altar rail, and litany desk. The work on the cushion for the Bishop's Chair was done by Mrs. J. B. McCall as a memorial to her parents, Charles G. and Eleanor J. Davis. The cushion for the Sedilia was done by Mrs. Frank B. Evans, Jr. as a memorial to her parents, David M. and Mary G. Shirk. The cushion for the Litany Desk was done by Mrs. Earl G. Wagner as a memorial to her father and mother, Robert W. and Ida M. Steel. The Altar Rail cushions were worked by: Mrs. James F. Bullitt, Miss Margaret E. Bullitt, Mrs. John DaCosta, Mrs. John Hopkins, Mrs. Thomas H. Huff, Mrs. Alfred Collins Maule, Mrs. Henry W. Pfeffer, Mrs. Spencer Roberts, Mrs. Benjamin Z. Strawbridge, Mrs. Parks A. Terry, Miss Hortense W. Terry, Mrs. D. E. Welsh.

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IN THE DIOCESE

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Mr. Evan K. Manuel, son of the Rev. Joseph Manuel, died at his home in Drexel Hill on September 25 and was buried from the Church of the Holy Comforter, Arnomink, September 29. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Smythe) Manuel, and a son, David.

The Rev. Aaron Manderbach was instituted as Rector of St. Faith's Church, Brookline, by Bishop Hart on October 9. The rector recently dedicated a picture, "Christ Reveiving Little Children," in memory of the late Doris Louise Cox, a former teacher in the Church School. Eight substantial "war surplus" oak tables for use in the parish house have been purchased.

At Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, on September 28, Bishop Hart dedicated a new walnut pulpit, given by Mr. Joshua Bradley, in loving memory of his wife, Hannah Bradley, and his son Eric Bradley, who lost his life in World War II. The gift also includes a pulpit light and antependia in appropriate colors for the seasons of the Christian year.

A new pre-school department of the Church School of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, has been organized with Miss Emily Gamber as supervisor, assisted by Mr. Frank E. Jarrett, Jr., a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard Avenue, is the only Church in a radius of several squares having Sunday evening services. People who cannot attend a morning service appreciate this opportunity. Once a month there is special music; another night the young people conduct the service; one week the service includes a fifteen minute hymn-sing of familiar favorites.

A Parish Council has been organized at All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, consisting of two representatives from seven parochial organizations, five members-at-large, and two honorary members.

The Rev. Percy L. Urban has been elected dean of the Berkley Divinity School. He was born in Philadelphia, son of the late Rev. Abram L. Urban. He was ordained here and served for a time as assistant at St. Peter's Church, Germantown. He has recently been a lecturer in theology at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The annual Parish Day at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley was observed on October 12. Following the morning service and lunch, an afternoon meeting was held when reports on parish progress were heard, and an address by the Hon. James C. Bell, Jr.

Memorial anniversary services commemorating the Rev. A. J. Arkin were held at St. George's Church, Richmond, on October 5. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. Waldemar Jansen. In the afternoon a pilgrimage was made to the grave of Mr. Arkin in the yard of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. At the evening service Bishop Remington and Dean Murray participated.

A special service for the unveiling of a tablet honoring Col. John Hanson, an early settler, was held at Gloria Dei Church on October 5. Eight children, descendents of this patriot, were baptised at this service by the Rev. John C. Roak and the Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden.

The Rev. Herbert Leswing, Jr., rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia, and Miss Gladys I. MacFarlane were married in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop Hart on June 14.

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The Rev. Theodore Yardley, former rector of St. Mary's Church, Keyport, N. J., is now curate at St. Clement's Church.

The Rev. Clifton R. Jump has resigned as curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

The Rev. John C. R. Peterson, former curate at St. Alban's Church, Olney, is now curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

The Rev. Paul Washington, former assistant at the Church of the Crucifixion, has left for Liberia, where he will become a Missionary.

The Rev. Harry I. Fell, former rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Logan, W. Va., is now rector of St. Giles' Church, Stonehurst.

The Rev. Allen Evans, formerly Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, is now rector of St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets.

The Rev. Robert H. Tabb has resigned as rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, and retired from active work in the ministry.

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